March 2012 Webcast for District Education

Below is a complete written summary and digital copy (audio and video) of the March 19th, 2012 webcast for District CIOs and Education Technology Leaders. This month the webcast was conducted from Monroe County High School in Monroe County.

You can get to both the Video and Audio links for this webcast through our webpage at: http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Technology/Webcasts/Webcast+for+District+Technology+Leaders.htm

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The webcast is approximately 1 hour and 27 minutes.   The numbers in red below indicate he time stamp for discussion on the audio and video segment of the broadcast.

Summary

00:05 **Introductions and information**: From **KDE** we have **David Couch, Phil Coleman, Mike Leadingham, Dede Connor who are directors at KIDS, and the KETS Engineer for Region 2 and Monroe County – Bruce Lindsey.**

From **Monroe County** we have **Superintendent Lewis Carter, Chief Information Officer – Dean Smith, Assistant Superintendent/DAC – Amy Thompson, and Technology Resource Teacher – Veronica Reecer,**

Monroe County School's website can be found at: http://www.monroe.k12.ky.us/

The Wikipedia entry for Monroe County can be found at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monroe_County,_Kentucky

The district has **1923** students **in five** schools. One high school (Monroe County High School), one middle school (Monroe County Middle School), and three elementary schools (Gamaliel ES, Joe Harrison ES, and Tompkinsville ES).

All three Elementary Schools are in the 100 plus index for state testing. The Middle School is a National Schools to Watch list. The High School is at least number 5 on the state college and career ready list.

Superintendent Carter thinks that the major reason that Monroe County schools are successful because they have common planning between the schools which allows teachers the information needed to plan and teach to each student on an individual basis.

Dean has been with the district since the beginning of the KETS Program and noted that the network being up and working is vital to today's teaching environment. The district has a higher level of home connectivity to residents of the county – higher than the state average. Historically, the district has a high percentage of schools and students participating in the program. **Dean** thinks it is also important that the schools have an active interest in the program and **Mrs. Veronica Reecer** as the district champion for the program.

Mrs. Reecer noted that the students in the district work very hard in competing in the program and be invited to the state championship.

11:00 State Budget Issues: David related that the two-year budget goes thru different stages during the process. From the KEN viewpoint over the last 3 years it has been cut 19-20% and the KETS budget has been cut 17-18%. The Instructional Device Upgrade (IDU) is in the final year of repayment of $12 million of the $50 million bond issued 5 years ago and needs to be renewed.

These programs do make a difference and we need to make sure our legislators know that these programs are important to districts.

Mike noted that the e-rate submission date deadline has come. Districts need to have their submission of 471 forms in.

Depending of the final budget and when we get our refund of the e-rate at KDE will determine when and the final amounts of 2nd Offers of Assistance out to districts.

Superintendent Carter also wanted to mention that Monroe County has a National Blue Ribbon School with **Gamaliel ES** and another that has been nominated. Blue Ribbon Schools are those that are doing what they need to do to make students' college and career ready.

David wanted to mention that the districts vision statements on the district website are excellent and explain the success the district is having.

20:15 KYSTE Conference: David asked Bruce Lindsey how many customers he works in Region 2 – the answer is 30 Districts in 22 Counties. He also wanted to know how his districts thought how the KYSTE conference recently held in Louisville went. **Bruce** has been told from multiple attendees that it was the best they have attended.

David thought that the conference went well and that even in the 6 sessions that dealt with the new CIITS system and the upcoming Master Plan the department was able to not only give out information but be able to get our customer's input on these initiatives as well

22:09 CIITS: There will be a special webcast on the specialized roles in the CIITS system on **Friday, March 30th starting at 10 am for not only the CIITS people but others who have leadership roles in the district as well.**

DeDe wanted to emphasize that there is a large library of documentation to make the experience better on the CIITS start page.

Teachers need to prep for the training by making sure that they can log onto their IC-CIITS account two weeks out to make sure that they have the proper roles in the system. Districts need to make sure that those roles are correct.

Veronica noted that the program will be a positive experience overall. They do work forward to changes to the assessment portion of the system that will allow for easier use of iPad and Kindles as well as more "clicker" systems that can be used with CIITS.

David also noted that districts also want to be able to share their assessment information and instructional resources and the current version of the system cannot do that. All of these data/resources were in separate locations and this new system brings most of it together in one central location.

Once logged onto system there is additional training for different groups on the left-hand side of the screen.

Also the ACT/EXPLORE-PLAN data for 2011 has been loaded and are in the process of loading the 2011-2012 data from those 107 districts that use it. We plan on adding the PASS data for the 40 districts that use it in the near future.

Of the $17 million Kentucky recently received from the **Race to the Top** initiative from the Federal Government – half will be sent to the districts to support various performance/assessment (CIITS related Professional Development, contracting the loading of educational content, or even "clickers" for testing) related activities as part of the CIITS effort in the districts.

45:45 KETS Master Plan update: Mike reported that we are in the process of updating/creating the latest version of the KETS Master Plan for Technology. It is required by law for state and federal levels for planning and educational objectives. This plan will be different in that we will be more easily be referencing the set goals of the **Kentucky Unbridled Learning Plan** as well as the **National Education Technology Plan**.

Some major themes of this **master plan** include cloud computing, mobile and personal devices, digital learning, and social media tools. This plan **is different** in that there will be **no specific directives on how districts use this new environment, but making sure that districts are aware of and the need to integrate and adopt the best policies for their own districts.** How districts address funding (essential versus and non-essential as well as types of funding (local, state and federal)) will also be included as was done before.

Standards – both product and technical will also be in this new plan as before. It is a continued effort and has proven to be successful in making the KETS network environment work as well as lowering costs for all the districts.

We have a working draft and have gotten various types of feedback as we finalize the newest master plan and be able to share this plan with districts by July 2012.

58:15 Data Center move: Phil reviewed the plans for moving the KDE Data Center located in Frankfort to the **Commonwealth Office for Technology (COT)** Data Center in Frankfort. This is being done in the context of who can provide services in the best and efficient way possible. We will be doing this in May and June. We will be sending a list of affected services to the districts when we do this.

We are **piloting McAfee version 8.8 and hope to approve it to the districts in April.**

EPO is also due for an update soon and we are testing now.

A couple of years ago KDE and the districts were using the EHS software/reporting suite, but lost that when we moved to Live@edu. Microsoft has recently released **Forefront Online Protection for Exchange (FOPE)** and we are testing an EHS like application that works in the Live@edu/Office 365 environment and we hope to begin allowing districts to start using this application in the next few weeks.

1:04:10 Master Plan Feedback: Bruce noted that districts want the new master plan to have some level of basic standards as well as flexibility to include new education technologies.

1:05:00 Infinite Campus webcast/information: IC has released an **Android** version of their Parent Portal smart phone application. **DeDe** has passed some feedback to IC on some wants and needs for the Parent Portal. It is being publicized around the state. We have also been working with some districts on creating a staging area for the 1210 environment.

The **Persistence to Graduation report** was created to help district bring resources to bear for those students who need help – we can now track who is using these reports.

Superintendent Carter noted that the district does use this report and have very few drop outs over the past few years.

KDE recently pushed down the **ACT Plan and Explore test results for 2011 and the Explore for 2012** recently in the **CIITS portal**.

As districts work on their schedules for the coming year that those senior students having co-ops that they can only have 1 period that is a co-op work/course. They will lose their senior KEES eligible award if they have more than 1 credit that is a co-op.

DeDe has not gotten any strong indications that districts would want electronic transcripts but maybe we are not talking to the right audience in asking this question.

Active Directory – We have a couple of districts that are working on testing out using AD credentials in IC. We still hope to be able to use their Live@edu email address and their IC password to not only get email but log onto the IC and CIITS platforms.

1:17:18 School and Community Nutrition (SCN) update: Mike noted that SCN is launching a new system called **Child Nutrition Information and Payment System** to be used by districts for reimbursements and will have a phased rollout beginning in April. If you have any questions get in contact with the district Food Services program director.

1:20:12 KIH3 update: Mike related that KDE is working with COT on putting together for the Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the next several years to meet state needs.

The Data and Voice contracts are also being worked on now and need to be in place for e-rate purposed by December 2012.

1:22:27 MUNIS to the Cloud: David stated that we are about ½ way completed with 80 districts moved to the cloud version of MUNIS and be completed in **December 2012**.

1:22:50 One of the topics for the April **Kentucky Board of Education meeting** will be the **P-20 Data System and Data Quality** to highlight what actions we have taken to make the data being put into the system better.

1:23:20 **ISTE Making IT happen Award: David** wanted to acknowledge our own **Charlotte Chowing** who won this award this year. She has been such a hard worker for so many years in advocating and enabling Education Technology in Kentucky.

1:24:15 **Earth Day: DeDe** wanted to make sure that those who have moved or built new schools since our efforts last year to make sure all schools have been mapped. This information can also help economically by showing potential businesses where schools are.

Questions:

   From: "Bauer, Nikkol - CIO/DTC" <nikkol.bauer@henry.kyschools.us>
   Date: March 20, 2012 9:27:47 AM CDT
   To: "Coleman, Phil - Director, Division of Operations and Services"
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   Subject: RE: webcast question

   Specific to the roles (not how to use CIITS)

   On Mar 20, 2012, at 9:23 AM, "Bauer, Nikkol - CIO/DTC" <nikkol.bauer@henry.kyschools.us> wrote:

   CIITS concern

   We are finding that when we need to tweak the roles in IC for use in CIITS, that the changes are taking much longer than a week to resolve themselves. For instance, I added the roles necessary for the admin trainings occurring this week back on 2/28 and they are still not showing up for those folks in CIITS. These are principals that are attending the training.

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   Answer: DeDe wanted to make sure that any questions get answered as soon as possible. The 1st level is to contact Schoolnet at CIITSHelp@schoonet.com and if it needs escalation then contact the KETS Help Desk.

Question:

   From: "Lile, Dr. Benny" <benny.lile@barren.kyschools.us>
   Date: March 20, 2012 9:35:20 AM CDT
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Subject: broadcast question

How long does it take for MAP to be loaded after we have sent in our signed approval?

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 "The most ethical test preparation is good teaching..."
Dr. Thomas Haladyna

Answer from David: It will take at least two or three week for the paperwork to be processed by the vendor. NWA administers the MAP data for the 107 districts using it and they can then upload that data to CIITS. David will double check that answer.

Question:

From: "Thompson, Rhonda" <rhonda.thompson@jackson.kyschools.us>
Date: March 20, 2012 9:37:56 AM CDT
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Subject: CIITS Question

Will there be a way to share assessments with other districts?

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Answer: David answered – yes, but not right now. Districts will still need to vet that information/data before it get seen by the public.

Question:
From: "Patterson, Karen" <karen.patterson@lincoln.kyschools.us>
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Subject: CIITS

When you are trying to train teachers on how to use CIITS and you don't have a teacher account because you are in Leadership, how can you show them what they can do unless you log in as a teacher using their account?

Also, only CPS RFs will work and not the IR systems. That is all we have all over our district. Are there plans on making the IR clickers work?

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Answer 1 by DeDe: There are drop down menus that those with multiple roles can use to reset their roles so they can see what the teachers see. If you have any problems with this they contact the KETS Service Desk.

Answer 2 by David: We are letting SchoolNet know they are needed. Unless a student ID (SSID) can be entered then those devices cannot be used.

Question:

From: "McGhee, Diana - Director of Technology and Information" <diana.mcghee@fortthomas.kyschools.us>
Date: March 20, 2012 10:05:36 AM CDT
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Subject: Android App Question

Several of our parents are having difficulty finding the app in the Android Market. I, too, had issues at first, but I finally found it. Does DeDe know the exact name of the app in the Marketplace?

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Answer: **DeDe** answered – You can go to the Android Marketplace/Play Store and search for Infinite Campus Mobile Portal.

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